GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MAOIST ACTIVITIES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Nepali Government has been drawn towards the news regarding Maoist activities in Bihar appearing in the Lokmat Samachar dated June 24, 2002;

(b) if so, whether these Maoist are making their base in the country;

(c) if so, the number of Maoists arrested in the country, State-wise;

(d) whether these Maoists have committed any attack;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government have adopted any measures to check/apprehend them; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): Maoist activities inimical to the interests of India and Nepal have been discussed in high level meetings between the two countries from time to time.

(b) to (e); There are no reports in this regard. However, Maoist leaders/workers have come to notice visiting India for ideological discussions etc. with Indian left wing extremist groups. The have also come to notice visiting bordering districts of India to meet their relatives etc. Since January, 2001, a total of 47 Maoist activists/supporters have been arrested (New Delhi-6, Uttaranchal-1, Uttar Pradesh-26, Bihar-8, West Bengal- 5 and Sikkim-1).

(f) and (g): Keeping in view that Maoist violence in Nepal may have repercussions on the internal security scenario of the country, as also the possibility of large scale exodus of Maoist cadres to the strongholds of Indian left wing extremist outfits, States affected by left wing extremist activities and those bordering Nepal have been requested to take immediate action to arrange intensive patrolling of the areas bordering Nepal to prevent the ingress of Maoists elements, check undesirable activities on the Indian side of the border and ensure that there is no spill over of violence. State Governments have also been advised to gear up their intelligence machinery for collection and sharing of intelligence from the field, particularly with regard to possible plans of sympathizers of Maoists to hold meetings, raise funds and organize logistic support.

Special Service Bureau (SSB) personnel have been deployed in the border States of Uttaranchal, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal.

Akhil Bharat Nepali Ekta Samaj (ABNES), a pro-Maoist organization has been notified as terrorist organization under the Prevention of Terrorism Act, 2002.